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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Price trends were steady to 50¢ lower on slaughter steers at midwest terminals with the greatest decline on steers weighing over 1250#. Slaughter heifers were also steady to 50¢ lower. Lower steer and heifer beef prices prompted the downturns in live trading despite rather moderate receipts for the post Labor Day week. Slaughter cows sold strong to \$1.00 higher as cow beef advanced following two weeks of substantial declines in both the live and dressed trade. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves were steady to 50¢ lower for the week. Barrows and gilts sold steady to 50¢ lower while sows were steady to 25¢ higher at most centers. Spring slaughter lambs closed steady to 50¢ lower at most markets with sales 50¢-\$1.00 lower at Denver and in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steer and heifer prices continued to drift lower at midwest markets but cows sold higher following two weeks of sharply lower prices. The percentage of cows in receipts dropped although salable cattle supplies increased 11 percent at the 12 markets compared with the previous holiday shortened week. However, stockers and feeders formed a seasonally larger percentage of twelve market receipts which were 18 percent smaller than the same week a year ago. Slaughter steers finished the week steady to 50¢ lower with most decline on weights over 1250#. At Chicago, where receipts were smaller than usual Monday but larger than normal Wednesday, early advances running to 50¢ were more than erased and steers closed steady to 50¢ lower in line with the trend at other markets. Heifers also closed steady to 50¢ lower. At the same time cows sold strong to \$1.00 higher and bulls steady to 50¢ higher. Cattle price trends reflected conditions in the wholesale meat market where steer and heifer beef carcasses sold lower while cow beef advanced. Eleven percent of the Chicago steer supply graded Prime, the same as the previous week, while Good and Choice grades predominated in the steer as well as the heifer supply at the majority of markets.

Around 20 loads Prime 1150-1350# slaughter steers brought \$25.50-25.75 at Chicago and some Choice sold up to \$25.00 in Chicago, St. Louis and Indianapolis. A load of Choice and Prime 1075# steers brought \$24.75 at St. Joseph. Choice 900-1300# steers bulked at \$23.00-24.50, weights up to 1500# selling down to \$21.50 but not many below \$22.50. Most Good steers brought \$21.75-23.50, Choice and Prime heifers brought \$24.00-24.25, Choice largely \$22.50-23.50 and most Good heifers \$21.00-22.50. Utility and Commercial cows largely \$14.00-16.00, Canner and Cutter \$11.50-15.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets showed only moderate seasonal expansion and numbers were substantially smaller in volume than during mid-September in many previous years. Above normal range and pasture conditions in many areas have been a factor tending to influence later than normal marketings and in addition there has been very extensive range contracting this season. Good and Choice yearling and two-year-old steers made up a fairly large percentage of supplies but shipments of Medium and mixed Medium and Good grades were fairly plentiful. Although good late summer pasture conditions and abundant supplies of grain and other feeds created a widespread demand, the current price relationship between slaughter and feeder cattle was not considered overly favorable and buyers usually were inclined to proceed rather cautiously. Thus, trading generally was at best only moderately active. Prices ranged from steady to 50¢ lower.

Several loads Choice 800-825# feeder steers brought \$24.25 but majority Good and Choice 800-1050# cashed from \$22.00-24.00. Medium and mixed Medium and Good feeders sold from \$19.50-22.50, relatively few below \$20.50. Choice 499# Wyoming stock steers reached \$27.50 and 6 loads Choice 507-573# \$27.00. Other Good and Choice yearling stock steers ranged \$22.50-26.50, few loads Choice 600-700# included at \$26.00-26.50. Medium and mixed Medium and Good shipments ranged from \$20.00-23.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought \$21.50-25.00, 2 loads Choice 634# \$25.25 and a few 550# \$26.50. Good and Choice steer calves sold chiefly from \$24.50-30.50, few \$31.00. Good and Choice heifer calves brought \$22.00-27.00, few 250-300# \$27.00-29.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - The full five-day week of marketing brought on an expansion of 19 percent in supplies of hogs at the 12 markets as compared with the previous holiday week. Barrows and gilts weighing 200-260# made up the big portion of receipts, the number above 260# being acutely small at some points. Sows dwindled, comprising 12 percent of receipts at the 8 markets compared with 15 percent the previous week. Prices for barrows and gilts advanced early in the week, but there was a general downturn on Friday. Compared with last week's close, barrows and gilts were steady to 50¢ lower, St. Paul being an exception with a 25¢ advance. Sows were steady to 25¢ higher aside from a steady to 25¢ lower trend at Indianapolis and St. Joseph. Shippers took 60 percent of the Chicago hogs and from 30-40 percent at Kansas City, Omaha and St. Joseph.

On Friday, most U. S. No. 1-3, 190-260#

barrows and gilts sold at \$17.75-18.25, except at Chicago where the bulk ranged up to \$18.40. No. 1-2, 200-250# \$18.00-18.50 and to \$18.75 at St. Paul. At several of the markets a price spread of only 25¢ included bulk of the butchers at the close. No. 1-3, 250-400# sows brought \$15.50-17.50, 400-550# \$14.50-16.00.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 81¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago September 8 to September 14, 1961 inclusive.

Feeder pigs declined 50¢ at St. Paul and were steady at Sioux City. Good and Choice feeders brought \$15.50-16.00 at St. Paul and ranged from \$15.50-16.50 at Sioux City.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area hog receipts at 336,000 head reflected an 18 percent increase over the previous week's holiday shortened supply and 9 percent more than a year earlier. Heavy rains the forepart of week retarded marketing and there was some price advance at mid-week which was later erased under the influence of fairly liberal receipts. Barrows and gilts closed 10-15¢ lower, sows steady to 25¢ higher.

On Friday, U. S. No. 1-3 200-240# barrows and gilts brought \$17.25-17.85, moderate volume No. 1-2 \$17.75-18.10. No. 1-3 270-400# sows sold from \$15.00-17.15, 400-550# \$13.25-15.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 terminals numbered 122,000 head, 29 percent more than the holiday shortened period a week earlier but 20 percent less than a year ago. Woolled spring slaughter lambs predominated in receipts with shorn lambs usually less than 25 percent of the run. Feeders comprised 40 percent of the season's largest run at Denver. Expanded marketings coupled with lower dressed lamb prices were bearish factors in the live trade. Spring slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ lower at most points and were 50¢-\$1.00 off at Denver. Slaughter ewes were mainly steady, feeder lambs 25¢ lower at Denver but steady at other points.

Choice and Prime 80-110# woolled spring slaughter lambs sold from \$17.00-18.00, limited volume \$18.25-18.50; Good and Choice \$14.50-17.50 mostly \$15.50-17.00. Limited numbers of Choice and Prime 90-108# shorn slaughter lambs No. 1 pelts brought \$17.00-17.50, Good and Choice 80-106# with No. 1-2-3 pelts \$15.00-17.00. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes sold from \$2.00-4.50 at most points, few to \$5.50 at Fort Worth.

Several loads and decks of Choice and Fancy 51-72# western feeder lambs \$15.00-16.50, load \$16.75 at Sioux City; Good and Choice native feeders \$12.50-15.75 including mainly Choice \$14.00-15.75.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 14,200, 10 percent below the previous week and 14 percent less than last year. Heavy rainfall during the

forepart of the week slowed movement of lambs. Spring slaughter lambs comprised fully 90 percent of the supply and included around 10-15 percent shorn offerings. Slaughter lambs declined 50¢-\$1.00, ewes were unchanged.

On Friday, Choice and a few Prime 80-105# woolled slaughter lambs brought \$16.00-16.50 delivered to packing plants with high yielding lambs to \$17.00; Good and Choice 80-110# \$14.00-16.00, Choice and Prime 80-105# shorn lambs carrying No. 1-2 pelts \$16.00-16.50; Good and Choice \$14.00-15.50, Cull to Good slaughter ewes bulked at \$2.00-3.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers fairly active, mostly steady; stockers and feeders fully steady in Arizona, limited trading elsewhere in the area; spring lambs mostly steady, instances 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Near 40 loads mostly Choice 925-1100# \$24.75-25.00; 100 loads 1050-1300# \$23.75-24.25; 250 loads Good and Choice 925-1100# \$23.75-24.50; Good 850-1100# \$22.75-23.50; Standard and Good 900-1100# \$21.75-22.50.

Slaughter heifers: About 15 loads Choice 875-900# \$23.90-24.00; Good to mostly Choice 750-1000# \$23.00-23.75.

Stockers and feeders: For immediate to late October, 300 Choice 400# calves, steers \$28.00, heifers \$26.00; Choice 375-500# steers \$27.00-27.50, heifers \$25.00-25.50; Good to mostly Choice 450-525#, steers \$25.00-26.50, heifers \$23.00-24.50; 530 Choice 550-700# yearlings, steers \$23.00-24.00, heifers \$21.00-22.00; 975 Good to mostly Choice 600-840# feeder steers \$22.50-24.00, bulk \$23.00-23.50.

Lambs: In California, load Choice and Prime 95-100# slaughter spring lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$17.25 delivered, 13 loads 90-105# with No. 2 to fall shorn pelts \$16.50-17.00, f.o.b. In Utah, 30,000 Choice and Prime 90-98# woolled slaughter lambs carrying an end of Choice and Fancy feeders \$15.50-16.25, bulk \$16.00; 3,200 Choice and Prime slaughter and Choice and Fancy feeders near 90# \$14.80.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Slaughter cattle rather slow, steers steady to 25¢ lower, heifers weak to mostly 25¢ lower, instances off 50¢. In Colorado, 23 loads average to high-Choice 1050-1150# slaughter steers \$24.50-24.85; 85 loads mostly Choice 1075-1225# \$23.25-24.35; 4 loads high-Good and Choice 1150-1225# \$23.25-23.50. Around 110 loads Choice 840-1000# slaughter

heifers \$23.25-23.75, instances \$23.85. Western Kansas, 25 loads high-Good and Choice 1150-1225# steers \$22.10-23.00 f.o.b feedlots. Western Nebraska, 9 loads high-Good and Choice 1125# steers \$23.00-23.45; 2 loads high-Good and Choice 975# heifers \$23.25-23.50.

Demand for stockers and feeders good with sales and contracts confirmed on over 9,500 head at fully steady prices. Western Nebraska, Choice 650-725# steers \$24.00-25.00, late September - October. Good to mostly Choice 625-675# heifers \$23.00-24.00, late September. Choice 375-450# steer calves \$28.00-31.00, heifer mates 350-400# \$26.00-27.00. Western Kansas, 6 loads mostly Choice 450-500# steer calves and short yearling steers \$28.00-31.00, load Choice 450# heifer calves \$25.00. Wyoming, Good to mostly Choice 525-650# steers \$24.00-25.00 with 500-600# heifer mates \$23.50-24.00.

Trading moderately active on spring lambs with sales and contracts confirmed on over 60,000 head at steady to \$1.00 lower prices. Wyoming, several strings Choice and Prime range spring slaughter lambs mixed with mostly Choice feeder lambs \$15.00. Good to mostly Choice 60-75# feeder lambs \$13.50-14.00 bulk for late September - early October. Colorado, mixed Choice and Prime slaughter range lambs and mostly Choice feeders \$15.00-16.00, bulk \$15.50-16.00; 14 loads Choice and Prime 88-99# range slaughter lambs \$16.50-17.75, latter price delivered and weighed at packing plants, mostly \$16.50-17.00 f.o.b. weighing point; 1,000 Utility and Good 125-135# slaughter ewes \$3.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter cattle in limited supply, steers steady, heifers about steady; stockers and feeders slow, steady.

Slaughter steers, 1,030 Good and Choice 1000-1125# \$24.00-24.50, latter price delivered; 230 Good, few Choice 860-1025# \$23.00-23.75. Slaughter heifers, 240 Good and Choice 880-960# \$22.50-23.00; 100 Good 700-772# \$23.00.

Stockers and feeders - fall delivery: Total 1,000 Choice 700-800# steers \$23.00-23.50; 200 Choice 650# \$24.50; 1,230 Good and Choice 650-750# steers \$22.25-23.00; 1,050 Good to mostly Choice 600-650# heifers \$21.00-22.50. Stock calves - October-December delivery: About 100 Choice and Fancy 550-575# calves, steers \$28.00, heifers \$25.00; 2,900 Choice 375-450# steers \$27.00-29.00, heifers \$24.50-26.00.

Lambs - Contracting brisk in New Mexico, Texas in clean-up-stage, prices fully steady. Spring slaughter lambs, 2,400 mostly Choice, few Good 80-90# in Texas \$14.00-15.00. Feeder lambs - Texas, 9,300 Choice and Fancy 75-80#, wethers \$12.00-12.50, ewe lambs \$13.00-13.50. New Mexico, for October-November delivery; 17,100 Choice and Fancy 73-80# \$13.00-13.50; 10,000 Good to mostly Choice 65-80# feeders \$12.00; 2,600 head 5-6-year-old breeding ewes \$6.50 per head; 6,600 Cull and Utility 97-115# slaughter ewes \$4.00-4.50.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter steers steady, heifers steady to strong; stockers and feeders very slow, mostly 50¢ lower, except calves fully steady.

Slaughter steers, 250 Good to mostly Choice 1000-1100# \$22.75-23.30. Slaughter heifers, 300 mostly Choice 985-1025# \$23.00; 370 Good and Choice 880-950# \$22.50-22.90; 345 Good, Choice end, 716-880# \$22.00-23.00.

Stockers and feeders, 160 Choice and Fancy 922# 2-year-old steers \$22.75. Immediate-October; 910 Good and Choice 675-775# steers \$23.00; 1,650 mostly Choice 430-500# stock calves, steers \$27.00-28.00, heifers \$25.00-26.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers moderately active, mostly steady, instances 25¢ higher; stockers and feeders generally steady; spring slaughter lambs slow, mostly steady.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice 1025-1200# \$24.25-25.25; Good and Choice 1000-1150# \$23.00-23.75. Idaho, Good to mostly Choice 1025-1200# \$24.00-24.50.

Slaughter heifers: Washington and Idaho, Good and Choice 850-1000# \$22.50-23.75; Good 800-890# \$21.25-21.50, delivered.

Stockers and feeders: Good and Choice 590-800# steers mainly \$23.00-23.50, heifers \$21.00-21.50. Choice and Fancy 325-350# calves, steers \$28.00-28.50, heifers \$25.00; Good and Choice 380-400# steers \$26.00, heifers \$23.50.

Lambs: Washington, Choice and Prime 101-102# woolled \$17.00 delivered. Idaho, Choice and Prime 95# woolled \$16.50 f.o.b. Oregon, Choice and Prime 95-103# with No. 2 to fall shorn pelts \$15.25-16.10 delivered. Oregon and northwestern Montana, mostly Choice feeders \$13.25-13.65.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Stocker and feeder cattle and calves slow, steady; sheep and lambs moderately active, steady.

Stockers and feeders: Montana, 325 Choice and Fancy yearling, 650-775# steers \$24.75-25.50, 625-650# heifers \$23.00-23.50; 400 Choice 750# steers \$23.25; 250 Choice heifers \$22.75; 200 Medium and Good cows \$135.00-140.00 per head.

Stock calves: Montana, mainly for October delivery; 350 mostly Choice 250-300# calves, steers \$31.00-32.00, heifers \$28.50-30.00; 1,700 Choice calves, 350-450# steers \$28.00-30.00, 300-425# heifers \$26.00-28.00; 1,400 Good and Choice, 375-450# steers \$26.00-28.00, 350-450# heifers \$24.50-27.00. Wyoming, 150 high-Good and Choice around 350# calves, steers \$27.75, heifers \$25.75.

Feeder lambs: Montana, 15,000 Good and Choice 70-85# spring feeders for up to early October \$13.00-14.00; 2,000 mostly Choice 70-75# ewe lambs \$15.00. Wyoming, 15,000 Good and Choice 70-85# feeders \$13.25-14.00. Breeding ewes, Montana, 2,000 Good to mostly Choice yearling ewes \$16.00-17.00 per head; 400 Good and Choice 3-year-old ewes \$12.00 per head.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Sept.16	Sept.17	Sept.16	Sept.17	Sept.16	Sept.17	Sept.16	Sept.17
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	38,804	45,125	128	179	27,467	34,460	3,934	4,971
Cincinnati	3,274	4,308	592	758	11,894	12,083	1,629	1,577
Denver	10,623	11,822	213	430	4,236	3,831	54,778	58,522
Fort Worth	6,846	16,847	1,083	2,952	1,297	2,011	4,733	9,023
Indianapolis ..	8,039	8,703	566	1,067	37,308	38,897	3,906	4,464
Kansas City ...	20,729	27,795	929	1,932	17,979	16,768	3,362	4,929
Oklahoma City .	10,648	18,264	1,551	2,914	3,756	3,505	806	1,118
Omaha	37,474	44,496	794	1,181	37,033	52,218	12,808	31,486
St. Joseph	15,542	19,349	638	1,037	24,009	20,648	4,205	5,802
St. Louis NSY .	16,466	19,109	1,872	3,516	58,478	55,991	5,541	5,340
Sioux City	34,067	34,891	2,570	1,284	31,265	28,091	10,691	11,154
S. St. Paul ...	23,507	23,539	5,269	5,950	49,907	47,457	15,540	14,769
Total	226,019	274,248	16,205	23,200	304,629	315,960	121,933	153,155
" Sept. 9, 1961	202,970		13,379		256,013		94,453	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -				Sept. 16, 1961	Sept. 9, 1961	Sept. 17, 1960
Hogs				336,000	284,000	307,000*
Revised. Sheep				14,200	15,800	16,600

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Two months	
	Sept.14	Sept.7	Sept.15	Aug.	Aug.	July - Aug.	
	1961	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steers - 1001# up	388	375	761	1,718	1,996	3,010	2,945
901-1000	2,476	2,226	3,188	8,176	8,478	12,577	11,692
801-900	5,194	3,717	6,133	17,494	16,998	29,049	24,786
701-800	7,305	4,795**	8,692	22,062	23,585	36,670	36,969
501-700	14,948	11,037	21,032	46,750	49,507	76,811	81,277
Total steers 10 markets....	30,311	22,150	39,806	96,200	100,564	158,117	157,669
Av. wt. " " "	717#	718#	712#	714#	711#	713#	703#
Av. cost* " " "	\$23.02	\$22.85	\$21.58	\$22.90	\$21.20	\$22.37	\$21.36
" " " Chicago	23.09	23.01	22.71	22.67	23.02	22.44	23.20
" " " Kansas City...	22.43	22.67	20.71	22.94	21.23	22.55	21.40
" " " Omaha	24.06	23.71	23.18	23.48	22.20	22.93	22.21
" " " S. St. Paul...	20.89	20.35	21.33	20.84	19.93	20.30	20.38
" " " Sioux City....	23.78	24.00	23.47	23.81	22.90	23.25	23.02
" " " Denver	24.08	22.26	22.58	23.03	21.78	22.64	22.08
" " " Ft. Worth	22.57	21.72	19.55	22.41	19.82	21.92	20.33
" " " Oklahoma City.	22.20	22.43	19.49	22.33	19.79	21.59	20.09
" " " S. St. Joseph.	22.77	22.94	20.60	22.39	20.73	22.11	20.94
" " " St. Louis NSY.	22.15	21.95	20.22	22.15	20.61	21.87	21.20
Total calves - 10 markets..	13,381	12,164	17,193	45,909	66,898	82,079	123,294
" heifers " "	5,935	4,604	7,305	18,473	18,162	31,639	27,606
" cows " "	1,175	923	753	3,517	3,573	4,701	5,714

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

** Correction

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago	Kan- sas City	Omaha : Joseph	S. St. : Louis : NSY	St. Louis : City	Sioux : City	S. St. : Paul	Indian- : apolis	Den- : ver	Ft. : Worth	Okla. : City	Wich- : ita	San : Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Sept. 15, 1961	2	48	17	13	12	34	7	10	12	65	67	53	45
Sept. 8, 1961	2	42	22	22	14	42	5	12	8	65	69	47	45
Sept. 16, 1960	2	55	22	22	8	28	10	12	22	70	80	56	60
Slaughter cows													
Sept. 15, 1961	3	9	7	5	9	4	23	10	20	20	10	16	15
Sept. 8, 1961	3	11	8	5	11	4	25	10	11	15	11	20	15
Sept. 16, 1960	5	9	8	8	11	7	15	10	25	25	12	18	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Sept. 14 1961	Sept. 15 1960	Sept. 14 1961	Sept. 15 1960	Sept. 14 1961	Sept. 15 1960	Sept. 14 1961	Sept. 15 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,263	3,093	11.2	9.6	1,238	1,256	25.04	26.07
Choice.....	19,070	20,751	65.6	64.5	1,176	1,179	24.12	24.94
Good.....	5,719	7,656	19.7	23.8	1,095	1,074	23.44	23.68
Standard.....	864	599	3.0	1.9	1,011	999	22.03	21.27
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	168	80	.5	.2	962	917	20.33	19.28
All grades.....	29,084	32,179			1,161	1,157	24.03	24.71
OMAHA								
Prime.....	301	214	1.8	1.2	1,176	1,186	24.17	25.44
Choice.....	10,338	9,646	60.5	56.1	1,137	1,170	23.43	24.10
Good.....	5,485	6,624	32.1	38.5	1,051	1,059	22.51	22.60
Standard.....	863	676	5.0	3.9	1,024	1,017	20.89	19.61
Utility.....	95	46	.6	.3	960	932	19.66	18.02
All grades.....	17,080	17,206			1,103	1,121	23.03	23.40
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	371	92	2.8	.6	1,177	1,238	24.28	25.35
Choice.....	7,811	9,115	59.8	60.2	1,155	1,153	23.67	24.39
Good.....	4,205	5,329	32.2	35.2	1,075	1,057	22.68	22.95
Standard.....	628	568	4.8	3.8	1,065	1,040	20.94	20.17
Utility.....	54	25	.4	.2	1,013	1,096	19.37	17.54
All grades.....	13,069	15,129			1,125	1,115	23.24	23.76
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	54	--	1.1	--	1,319	--	23.98	--
Choice.....	1,403	3,007	27.5	49.9	1,134	1,122	23.89	24.38
Good.....	3,047	2,218	59.8	36.7	1,043	1,098	23.04	22.72
Standard.....	569	767	11.2	12.7	1,086	1,051	21.24	20.91
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	22	51	.4	.8	995	1,011	19.41	17.83
All grades.....	5,095	6,043			1,076	1,103	23.08	23.30
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,289	1,466	22.3	21.5	1,082	1,075	24.34	24.79
Good.....	3,601	4,413	62.3	64.8	1,006	1,025	23.27	23.37
Standard.....	837	709	14.6	10.4	1,001	925	21.76	20.22
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	45	225	.8	3.3	960	947	19.57	17.89
All grades.....	5,772	6,813			1,022	1,023	23.28	23.23
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	4,208	2,961	59.9	42.3	1,136	1,127	23.78	24.37
Good.....	2,663	3,744	37.9	53.5	1,067	1,079	22.93	22.96
Standard.....	150	292	2.2	4.2	1,017	1,078	20.51	19.64
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	7,021	6,997			1,108	1,099	23.37	23.43
DENVER								
Prime.....	109	--	3.3	--	1,144	--	24.68	--
Choice.....	2,649	1,391	80.0	58.0	1,133	1,126	23.97	24.62
Good.....	527	1,008	15.9	42.0	1,149	1,060	22.40	23.76
Standard.....	28	--	.8	--	1,013	--	18.77	--
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	3,313	2,399			1,135	1,098	23.70	24.27

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 16	Sept. 17
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area	10,213	14,549	11,800	13,583	44,600	52,160	32,627	44,049
Baltimore, Philadelphia	9,229	9,594	1,803	2,293	29,685	28,296	3,826	4,392
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	22,099	22,066	3,230	5,972	125,655	139,373	10,955	15,827
Chicago Area	16,727	20,087	6,208	8,361	36,643	31,713	6,877	5,803
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	31,054	34,484	16,388	21,442	119,064	100,291	22,657	19,041
St. Louis Area	12,967	14,290	1,492	2,789	91,989	71,985	5,114	4,212
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	31,211	24,998	--	--	98,531	87,385	11,469	15,710
Omaha Area	36,468	41,312	131	133	71,375	73,016	13,610	16,044
Kansas City	15,408	16,810	--	--	34,687	30,064	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	36,593	35,194	8,367	9,366	279,436	277,342	34,377	35,138
Lou'l, Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's ...	8,099	8,274	4,050	5,084	54,643	50,923	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	11,247	9,167	5,257	6,190	24,377	24,976	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	20,126	21,470	986	1,475	42,063	38,554	7,254	9,318
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	11,046	14,601	3,521	6,673	16,785	12,922	36,736	31,556
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	23,924	19,629	146	242	13,838	16,440	71,247	48,269
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	29,803	31,463	1,049	1,378	31,743	29,789	34,171	39,809
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	9,788	9,241	267	467	20,707	18,196	8,155	10,126
Total	336,002		64,695		1,135,821		299,075	
		347,229		85,448		1,083,425		299,294
Accumulation to date	11,387,464		2,155,420		38,220,423		9,710,618	
		11,213,878		2,467,681		40,546,031		8,896,853

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	mil. lb.	mil. lb.
Sept. 16, 1961.....	410	244.0	100	11.8	1,320	177.7	320	14.4	447.9	--
Sept. 9, 1961.....	360	213.1	95	11.4	1,075	146.5	265	11.9	382.9	--
Aug. 26, 1961 1/.....	388	--	102	--	1,150	--	270	--	--	35.8
Sept. 17, 1960 1/.....	426	248.6	122	14.7	1,254	172.1	329	14.8	450.3	38.6
Percentage change from:										
Sept. 9, 1961	14	14	5	4	23	21	21	21	17	--
Sept. 17, 1960	- 4	- 2	-18	-20	5	3	-3	-3	-1	--
Week ended	Average weight (lb.)									
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard	
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	per 100 lb.	
Sept. 16, 1961	1035	595	210	118	232	135	94	45	--	
Sept. 9, 1961	1030	592	215	120	235	136	94	45	--	
Aug. 26, 1961	1025	589	235	132	238	137	96	46	--	
Sept. 17, 1960	1023	584	212	120	237	137	94	45	13.0	

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
	16	17	16	17	16	17	16	17	16	17
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	24.98	25.92	--	--	24.50	25.55	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	24.98	26.02	--	--	24.40	25.70	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	24.22	24.80	24.38	24.55	23.62	24.08	23.98	24.74	25.38	25.97
1100-1300	24.00	24.55	24.00	24.52	23.52	24.30	23.98	24.72	24.88	--
Good 900-1100	23.02	22.80	23.12	22.55	22.28	22.02	21.48	21.20	23.62	24.25
Standard - All wts.	21.80	21.25	20.88	19.92	20.75	19.50	19.00	17.60	20.75	21.00
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	23.22	23.48	23.25	23.30	23.02	23.50	23.12	24.35	23.50	23.75
Good 600-800	--	--	22.12	21.58	21.62	21.00	--	20.98	21.75	22.75
Standard - All wts.	19.92	19.00	20.38	18.80	20.12	18.25	18.25	17.05	19.00	20.00
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	14.85	15.12	15.55	16.02	16.05	15.85	--	--	15.50	17.25
Utility	14.45	15.08	15.00	15.00	15.15	14.88	16.42	14.98	15.00	15.62
Cutter	14.20	14.32	14.12	13.98	14.12	13.70	14.88	13.32	13.00	13.25
Canner	12.45	12.22	12.90	12.75	13.30	12.78	13.75*	11.95	11.25	11.25
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	19.25	18.55	17.25	16.35	17.75	16.88	--	--	--	--
Utility	19.65	19.30	17.50	17.35	17.90	17.08	19.62	17.50	19.25	19.25
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	22.25	19.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	20.25	18.00	--	--	--	--	--	22.00
Standard	--	--	18.25	16.00	--	--	--	--	--	20.00
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	--	24.50	24.50	22.00	25.00	21.50	--	--	25.00	26.00
Good	--	23.00	22.00	20.00	23.25	19.25	--	--	24.00	24.00
Standard	--	19.50	19.00	17.50	20.25	16.50	--	--	21.00	21.00
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.25	25.75	25.52	24.25	25.88	25.12	25.88	25.00	23.75	23.00
Good 500-800	24.30	23.20	23.35	21.80	24.00	22.78	22.75	23.50	22.00	21.00
Medium 500-1000	22.25	20.15	21.28	19.65	21.25	19.50	19.75	19.75	19.00	19.00
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.52	22.75	24.50	23.25	23.75	22.62	--	22.00
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.78	19.75	20.75	19.62	20.50	19.50	--	18.50
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	--	14.12	16.00	14.75	--	14.75	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	28.08	25.50	27.75	26.00	29.25	25.00	24.75	23.50
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.15	22.50	25.25	24.25	27.50	23.50	22.25	22.00

Correction: Week ended Sept. 9, 1961, Denver Canner cows should be \$13.75.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

Week ended		Chicago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Eight mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Sept. 16, 1961	18.37	18.19	18.25	18.31	18.28	18.26	18.00	18.36	18.24
	Sept. 9, 1961	18.28	18.27	18.13	18.31	18.23	18.28	18.03	18.45	18.25
	Sept. 17, 1960	16.25	16.28	16.16	16.29	16.23	16.18	15.99	16.48	16.24
Sows	Sept. 16, 1961	15.89	16.05	15.94	16.07	16.02	16.21	15.88	15.68	15.96
	Sept. 9, 1961	15.67	15.64	15.81	15.85	15.84	16.07	15.74	15.49	15.76
	Sept. 17, 1960	13.96	13.81	13.97	14.08	14.08	14.07	13.77	13.86	13.94
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Sept. 16, 1961	219	212	224	220	221	222	218	219	218
	Sept. 9, 1961	222	213	222	219	222	220	214	218	218
	Sept. 17, 1960	229	216	225	227	227	223	222	223	223
Sows	Sept. 16, 1961	394	387	401	397	389	371	388	415	393
	Sept. 9, 1961	392	392	390	390	380	369	376	419	388
	Sept. 17, 1960	403	385	391	414	383	373	378	431	395
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Sept. 16, 1961	20973	50429	11820	29799	25271	20638	36009	30982	225921
	Sept. 9, 1961	19215	39148	12934	24640	21073	14530	31779	23851	187170
	Sept. 17, 1960	25481	49542	14560	25868	22404	17200	33965	33884	222904
Sows	Sept. 16, 1961	3830	3798	1209	5778	4630	2709	5972	3652	31578
	Sept. 9, 1961	3909	3309	1269	6673	4670	2451	6513	3157	31951
	Sept. 17, 1960	4376	4212	1275	5402	4411	2467	6469	3473	32085
SOWS -		Percentage of total								
	Sept. 16, 1961	15	7	9	16	15	12	14	11	12
	Sept. 9, 1961	17	8	9	21	18	14	17	12	15
	Sept. 17, 1960	15	8	8	17	16	13	16	9	13

^{1/} Weighted average.

**AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG,
COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO**

Week ended	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Sept. 16, 1961.....	\$20.25	\$18.34	\$1.91
Sept. 9, 1961.....	20.14	18.38	1.76
Sept. 17, 1960.....	18.35	16.41	1.94

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts ^{1/} Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn ^{2/} No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Sept. 16, 1961	18.37	110.0	16.7
Sept. 9, 1961	18.28	110.1	16.6
Sept. 17, 1960	16.25	117.4	13.8

^{1/} Weighted average. ^{2/} Simple average.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

General slowness for all wools at the Boston market was influenced to a marked degree by current religious observance along with lack of urgency in processing channels. Demand was good for greasy domestic worsted types but sales volume was small in view of very limited supplies. Otherwise demand was rather poor. Prices were generally strong and some finer grades advanced around 2¢. Scoured pulled wools were moderately active at steady prices. Noils were uneven, generally moderately active, mostly unchanged. Carpet wools were slow with prices firm in the primary markets and in Boston.

Cabled reports from Australia showed fair activity at Newcastle and Melbourne with prices steady to firm. Japan dominated with all sections supporting. Quotations from South Africa were firm and some minor advance in instances under general competition. South American carpet wools were steady to firm.

Fleece Wools - Graded 64s and finer sold at \$1.26, half-blood good French combing and staple \$1.15-1.16, three-eighths at \$1.08 and quarter-blood at \$1.06, three-eighths baby fleeces \$1.02-1.04.

Territory Wools - Turnover of territory wools was practically at a standstill aside from orders previously committed.

Texas Wools - Very dull with no sales confirmed.

Mohair - Trading in the local market was very slow with occasional lots selling about steady.

Foreign Wools - Spot foreign wools turned at a moderate pace as demand held generally fair. Price trends were firm on good wools but poorer grades irregular with easiness in spots. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

South Africa	
<u>Oil-combed</u>	<u>Scoured yields</u>
7 - \$1.05	17 - \$1.02
8 - 1.04	22 - 1.02
12 - 1.04	
Australia	
<u>Oil-combed</u>	
61 - \$1.17	422 - \$1.05
62 - 1.13	423 - 1.01
62A - 1.11	424 - .98
63 - 1.10	

Carpet Wools - Trading dull as offerings were scant and buyer interest waned in comparison to recent past weeks. There were offerings of scoured early shorn New Zealand at 79¢; spot B. A. slipe wool at 66¢, and Pyrenean scoured white wool at 71¢ for shipment. New Zealand crutchings 702/3 listed at 69-70¢. Pale yellow Pakistanian wool 68¢, clean wool fibre.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Foreign

N. Z.	56/58s	2-3"	ch.	\$1.15
N. Z.	50/56s	2-4"	ch.	1.14
Aust.	58/60s	lambs wool		
		1½-2½"		1.16
Aust.	60/58s	ch. wh. lambs		
				\$1.15 duty paid

Noils

Aust. ave.	58s semi-clear	
	at 77¢	duty paid
Aust.	64/70s	scoured fleeces
		\$1.30 duty paid

Wool Tops - Sales were rather limited as trading was quiet for second successive week. Topmakers were practically sold out and directed most of their attention to filling of Government contracts presently on hand.

<u>Warp Aust. D/C</u>	<u>Warp Dom. D/C</u>
70s - \$2.01 N	\$1.90
64s - 1.96 N	1.83
62s - 1.93 N	1.75
60s - 1.86 N	1.68
58/60s - 1.84 N	1.60

<u>Oil-combed</u>	<u>Territory</u>	<u>Fleece</u>
58/60s - \$1.59	\$1.54	--
56s - --	1.48	\$1.45
50/56s - --	1.45	1.42
48/50s - --	--	--
(N - Nominal)		

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Sept. 14, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

October wool tops - \$1.66 (Bid)

December wool tops - 1.64 (Bid)

64s grade - 2.55" minimum length

October wool \$1.221

December wool 1.226

64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer carcass prices were steady to mostly 50¢ lower; cow beef weak to \$1.00 lower, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 off; spring lamb \$1.00 higher at Philadelphia, but steady to \$2.00 lower at other centers. Veal sold steady to \$1.00 lower, except at Philadelphia where the trend was \$1.00 higher. Quotations for calf were unchanged at New York. Pork loins closed \$2.00-4.00 lower; Boston butts steady to \$1.00 higher; fresh skinned hams averaged steady; spareribs steady to \$2.00 lower, mainly \$1.00-2.00 off.

Prices for kosher Choice and Prime beef forequarters were mainly steady to 50¢ lower; lamb foresaddles strong to \$2.00 up; veal and calf quotations were unchanged. The post-Jewish holiday trading was moderately active.

At the various market areas along the Eastern Seaboard supplies of fresh meats were normal, except volume of cow beef which was small to moderate. In the Metropolitan New York area production of locally dressed red meats was only moderate as Jewish holidays were observed Monday and Tuesday. Trading for steer beef was fairly active with demand good. At New York most chain accounts absorbed normal requirements of rounds, ribs and armchucks. Lamb sold at a moderately active pace. The dulllest trade was encountered at New York for carcasses 30-45# which predominated in the supplies. Outlet was only fair at best for veal as most retailers purchased rather sparingly. Bulk pork loins moved late in the week when prices were at the lowest levels and the weather turned cool. Clearances were broad at all markets except New York where small supplies of veal, calf and spring lamb went unsold.

CHICAGO - Compared with the previous Friday, beef sold steady to 50¢ lower, veal steady to \$2.00 lower. Spring lamb closed steady to \$1.00 lower. Pork loins sold \$3.00 lower with Boston butts and spareribs steady.

Beef, spring lamb and pork loins were plentiful. Choice beef predominated in the supply of that class while bulk of the spring lamb fell into the weight range of 35-50#. Most pork loins were in the 8-12# range. Veal offerings were again very moderate.

Carcass beef trade was rather slow throughout with bulk of the movement at wholesale in primal cuts. Ribs and chucks found a narrow outlet and were under downward pressure through the week. Rounds found moderate demand. Veal trading was rather slow with best action on very limited supplies grading Choice and Prime. Early in the week spring lamb was slow but trading turned moderately active on the close. Pork loins declined for the second straight week. Boston butts in best demand in the pork division.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer beef sold steady to 50¢ higher, mostly steady at San Francisco, cow beef mostly steady, instances 50¢ higher at Los Angeles. Calf and veal also largely steady, some sales in the Northwest \$1.00 higher. Choice and Prime lamb sold steady in California, steady to \$1.00 higher in the Northwest with the advance in Seattle. An increased supply of Good lamb sold \$1.00-2.00 lower. Fresh pork was largely steady, but loins closed \$1.00-3.00 lower. Bacon prices advanced \$1.00-5.00, while hams were \$1.00-3.00 lower in California, other smoked pork sold steady.

Supplies of steer beef were moderate and occasionally inadequate for the demand, with trading fairly active. Normal supplies of most other meats were adequate and usually about in balance with prevailing demand. Demand was very good and trading active on bacon.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Carlot beef supplies were only moderately increased from the previous holiday-shortened week. Demand for steer beef was narrow early in the week influenced by continued hot weather in eastern consuming centers and the Jewish holidays. Following the holidays and as the heat wave moderated in the East around midweek, demand was fairly broad and part of the week's earlier price declines were recovered, particularly on Choice steer carcasses weighing over 800#.

Steer beef prices were mainly 50¢ lower for the week with Choice steer carcasses weighing above 800# steady at Chicago and steady to 25¢ lower at Omaha. At New York Good steer beef was 50¢-\$1.25 lower.

Heifer beef sold in a moderately active trade with prices steady to 75¢ lower, mostly 50-75¢ lower with some sales \$1.00 off at Omaha. Cow beef closed mostly 50¢-\$1.00 higher.

Beef supplies were fairly well cleared at midwest shipping centers.

Carcass lamb prices declined as increased supplies met moderate demand. Prices were \$1.00-2.00 lower but clearance was complete at shipping centers.

Sharply expanded supplies of pork products moved in a slow trade with prices on pork loins \$4.00-5.00 lower at Chicago and Omaha. Fresh hams were 75¢-\$1.00 higher at Omaha. Pork carcasses at eastern wholesale centers were weak to 50¢ lower.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Sept.16	Sept.17	Sept.16	Sept.17	Sept.16	Sept.17	Sept.16	Sept.17
		: 1961	: 1960	: 1961	: 1960	: 1961	: 1960	: 1961	: 1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	42.00	43.80	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	41.00	42.80	39.50	42.50	40.75	41.88	39.75	39.72
	700-800	40.70	42.55	39.00	40.37	39.50	40.50	38.62	39.00
Good	500-600	40.10	41.80	38.50	40.50	39.88	40.00	38.81	38.88
	600-700	39.85	41.55	38.50	40.50	38.75	38.50	38.16	37.00
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	38.75	40.87	39.50	42.50	39.06	40.00
	600-700	--	--	38.75	40.87	39.25	39.00	38.78	38.50
Good	500-600	--	--	37.00	38.87	--	--	--	38.12
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	58.00	54.00	57.25	52.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	49.70	49.00	51.00	49.50	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	44.70	43.20	47.00	46.00	52.00	51.00	--	--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	41.65	44.50	40.25	43.00	38.00	40.00	38.25	41.00
Choice	45-55	41.65	44.00	40.25	43.00	38.00	40.00	38.25	41.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	48.90	52.20	46.62	48.50	52.50	55.00	51.00	50.75
Butts	4-8	38.35	36.90	37.25	34.75	41.00	43.00	40.25	39.50
Spareribs	3# down	49.20	45.80	46.00	40.00	52.50	51.00	50.88	43.12
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	45.50	42.50	47.75	47.00	47.50	47.50	48.25	45.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		59.50	47.50	62.25	51.50	64.75	53.00	65.00	52.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	32.00	32.00	36.25	34.25	35.00	31.50	33.50	31.38
Lard, 1# carton		15.00	14.75	15.00	14.00	17.75	17.00	17.38	15.50

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 15, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	38.00-38.50	36.50-37.00	37.25-37.75	40.00-40.50	39.50-40.00
	700-800	38.00-38.50	36.00-37.00	36.75-37.25	39.50-40.00	39.00-39.50
Good	800-900	36.50-37.00	34.50-35.50	35.75	38.00-38.50	37.50-38.00
	500-600	37.00-37.50	--	--	38.00-39.50	--
	600-700	37.00-37.50	33.00-37.00	35.75-36.75	37.50-39.50	38.00-39.50
	700-800	36.50-37.00	33.00-36.50	35.25-35.75	37.50-39.00	37.50-39.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	36.75-37.00	35.50-39.00	36.00-36.25	--	--
	600-700	36.75-37.00	35.50-36.50	36.00-36.25	--	39.00-39.50
Good	500-600	35.00-35.50	--	34.75-35.25	--	--
	600-700	35.00-35.50	--	34.75-35.25	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		29.00-30.00	28.75-29.50	27.50-28.50	--	29.00-31.00
Canner and Cutter		29.00-29.50	--	27.50-28.25	--	28.50-29.00
Spring lamb -						
Prime	30-45#	36.00-37.50	--	--	37.50-39.00	38.50-39.00
	45-55	36.00-37.50	--	--	37.50-39.00	38.00-38.50
	55-65	36.00-37.50	--	--	37.50-39.00	--
Choice	30-45	36.00-37.50	34.50-36.50	35.25	37.50-39.00	38.50-39.00
	45-55	36.00-37.50	34.50-36.50	35.25	37.50-39.00	38.00-38.50
	55-65	36.00-37.50	--	35.25	37.50-39.00	--
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	40.00-42.00	--	42.00-42.50	--	41.50-43.00

PIG CROP REPORT - SEPTEMBER 1961

The number of sows farrowed and intended to farrow in the fall of 1961 (June through November) for 10 Corn Belt States is 2 percent more than in 1960, the same as 1959, and 16 percent more than the 1950-59 average, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number is now estimated at 4,457,000 head for the 10 States (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas). Fall farrowings are up from a year earlier in 7 States but down in Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Increases are 11 percent in Kansas, 10 percent in South Dakota, 6 percent in Illinois and Nebraska, 3 percent in Missouri, 2 percent in Iowa, and 1 percent in Minnesota. The September 1 survey indicates a decrease of 94,000 sows or 2 percentage points from the farrowings intentions reported for these States as of June 1, 1961. The 10 States included in this report accounted for 75 percent of the United States 1960 total pig crop.

Sows farrowed in the 10 States during June, July, and August totaled 2,257,000 head, about the same as for this period a year earlier. This is 4 percent less than was indicated for this period in June. June-August farrowings for these 10 States represent 51 percent of the estimated June-November total, compared with 52 percent in 1960 and the average of 52 percent. Farmers' reports indicate that the number of sows farrowed in June and July will be slightly more than for these same months a year earlier, with August farrowings indicated at less than a year earlier.

Sows bred and intended for farrowing in September, October, and November this year in the 10 States totaled 2,200,000 head, 5 percent more than a year earlier and 20 percent more than the average. This number is about the same as intended for this period in June.

Reported breeding intentions indicate 1,845,000 sows to farrow during the 1962 winter quarter (December-February), compared with 1,768,000 sows farrowed during the same period a year earlier. This is an increase of 4 percent. All States except Ohio indicate more sows to farrow during this quarter than a year earlier. Increases are Nebraska, 13 percent; Kansas, 12 percent; Minnesota, 11 percent; South Dakota, 10 percent; Missouri, 6 percent; Illinois, 4 percent; Iowa, 3 percent; Wisconsin and Indiana, 2 percent. Intentions in Ohio are down 3 percent.

The number of all hogs and pigs on farms September 1, 1961 in the 10 States totaled 50,191,000 head. This is 6 percent larger than the 47,163,000 head a year earlier. Increases in 9 of the States ranged from 1 percent in Ohio to 20 percent in South Dakota. Numbers in Wisconsin were 2 percent smaller than a year earlier. Hogs and pigs 6 months old and over totaled 10,078,000 head, 7 percent more than last year. The number under 6 months of age was 6 percent larger than last September. Larger litters account for some of the increase as only 4 percent more sows farrowed in the 10 States during the March-August period compared with a year ago. The number of hogs and pigs 3 - 6 months of age was 10 percent above last September. Pigs under 3 months were 2 percent above a year ago. The 24,137,000 head in the 3 - 6-month age group comprised 48 percent of the September 1 total. The 15,976,000 head under 3 months of age accounted for 32 percent of all hogs and pigs.

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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, AUGUST 31, 1961

Warehouse stocks of red meats totaled 398 million pounds on September 1, a decline of 47 million pounds from August 1. This reduction compares with a decline of 71 million pounds during August last year and the 5-year average decline of 74 million pounds. September 1 stocks of beef, at 170 million pounds, were 11 percent above August 1960 and 28 percent above the 5-year average. A 47-million pound net reduction in total pork stocks brought September 1 holdings to 142 million pounds. This compares with a 74-million pound decline during August 1960 and the average reduction of 65 million. Frozen pork declined 46 million pounds to 109 million pounds and cured pork declined one million pounds to 32 million pounds. Other meats declined 10 million pounds to total 86 million pounds on September 1.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, AUGUST 31, 1961 WITH COMPARISONS
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private
cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

Commodity	August 1956-60 av.	August 1960	July 1961	August 1961
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Beef:				
Frozen	122,750	142,263	148,252	157,611
In cure and cured	10,311	10,814	11,484	12,384
Total	133,061	153,077	159,736	169,995
Pork, frozen:				
Picnics	1/	8,691	4,709	3,792
Hams	1/	50,286	27,650	16,356
Bellies	1/	44,691	33,787	12,839
Loins	1/	1/	9,384	9,232
Jowls	1/	1/	4,974	2,823
Butts	1/	1/	5,147	3,326
Spareribs	1/	1/	6,450	5,456
Trimnings	1/	1/	15,507	9,479
Other pork	1/	77,643	47,673	46,080
Total	130,887	181,311	155,281	109,383
Pork in cooler:				
Dry salt bellies	1/	6,125	5,878	3,629
Other dry salt pork	1/	5,212	5,408	5,089
Other pork cuts	1/	28,017	22,558	23,676
Total	49,948	39,354	33,844	32,394
Total pork	180,835	220,665	189,125	141,777
Other meats and meat products:				
Veal, frozen	8,683	7,799	8,959	8,338
Lamb and mutton, frozen	10,641	13,434	24,809	23,550
Canned meats in cooler:				
Hams 2/	(58,526	2/ (65,944	42,472	32,987
Other meats	((19,342	20,854
Total all meats	391,746	460,919	444,443	397,501
Lard, rendered and refined 3/	95,337	108,900	126,900	4/
GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 5/ -				
Pork	5,840	2,448	1,781	1,878
Beef	3,875	2,728	2,102	1,739

1/ No historical data available. 2/ Includes other canned meats. 3/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 4/ Not available. 5/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U. S. D. A., the Armed Services and other Government Agencies.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	Sept. 16, 1961	18.38	17.50	17.75	--	17.84	16.32	16.22
	Sept. 17, 1960	19.35	18.32	17.45	--	18.58	18.23	--
Choice	Sept. 16, 1961	17.25	16.88	17.00	15.75	16.36	15.40	15.88
	Sept. 17, 1960	18.70	17.48	16.55	16.55	17.85	17.48	17.00
Good	Sept. 16, 1961	15.50	15.38	15.75	14.75	14.60	14.30	14.80
	Sept. 17, 1960	16.30	16.08	15.55	16.10	16.82	15.92	15.72
EWES (Shorn) - All wts.								
Good and	Sept. 16, 1961	4.38	3.50	3.50	5.25	4.30	3.50	2.88
	Choice Sept. 17, 1960	4.30	3.55	3.50	--	4.50	3.50	4.50
Cull and	Sept. 16, 1961	4.25	3.50	2.75	4.50	3.32	2.75	2.75
	Utility Sept. 17, 1960	4.05	3.75	2.50	4.58	3.25	2.25	3.25
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and	Sept. 16, 1961	--	14.50	--	10.60	14.40	13.00	12.00
	Choice Sept. 17, 1960	--	17.62	--	13.00	16.36	15.50	14.19